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I. the first thing that must be done is that any ships carrying oil or chemicals must be double hulled, - that should be instituted immediately. Make the old ships carry other products that are not harmful. I wonder why this has not gone into effect yet - is it because campaign money from ship owners is so potent in preventing what the world truly needs in this regard. Safety for the ocean is necessary and double hulled ships is also necessary.

- 2. the second thing this commission needs to do is stop ships from sailing in bad weather and in old tubs. The marine inspections must not be adequate because we have far too many ships breaking up off the coasts. This shows lax administration. Don't let them into this country if they are not adequate and don't let ships go in or out of this country if the weather is bad or the ships are not fit for sea duty. It is clear this commission is lax and negligent in this respect. We need this to change now.
- 3. We need to make the fees that these ship owners pay to use our ports be substantial enough to pay for the operation of any government facilities at the ports. Taxpayers should not be funding any **govt** activities at ports.

these are my comments for the public record on this issue listed in www.regulations.gov today.

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